

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1775 – SB 1981**

April 29, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007345):** States the definition of “court reporting” does not include attorneys conducting discovery in compliance with Rules 28, 29, and 30 of the Rules of Civil Procedure and that the written stipulation pursuant to Rule 29 shall state the licensure status of the person before whom the deposition is taken. Requires all court reporters to be licensed pursuant to this act. The initial court reporters appointed are not required to be licensed pursuant to this act until July 1, 2010. Authorizes interested court reporter groups to make recommendations for the Governor to consider when making court reporter appointments to the Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Revenue - \$285,000/FY09-10/Tennessee Board of  
Court Reporting Fund  
\$259,200/Biennially Beginning  
FY11-12/Tennessee Board of Court  
Reporting Fund

Increase State Expenditures - \$26,000/One-Time/Tennessee  
Board of Court Reporting Fund  
\$129,500/Recurring/Tennessee  
Board of Court Reporting Fund

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Two additional positions would be required at a recurring cost of \$129,540 reflecting salaries (\$72,520) plus benefits (\$22,520), travel (\$5,000), office lease (\$4,500), and legal resources, investigations, testing materials and equipment (\$25,000) to carry out the responsibilities of the new board. One-time costs for office setup at a cost of \$26,000 reflecting computer costs (\$5,000), office furnishings (\$10,000), forms (\$1,000), and computer programming (\$10,000).

- nitial license fees and renewal fees will be set at a rate to cover operational expenses. Estimated 600 initial applicants. In order to be self-supporting, the initial fees will have to be set at \$475 to generate revenue of \$285,000 (\$475 x 600 applicants). The one-time revenue will cover the operational costs of the first two years and the one-time expenditures. Licenses are valid for two years.
- In order to be self-supporting, the biennial renewal fees would have to be set at \$432 to generate revenue of \$259,200 (\$432 x 600 applicants).

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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